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Remarks

Claims 26-46 are currently pending in the present patent application. Applicants previously paid for including 3 independent claims and 22 dependent claims in the patent application. The present amendment provides the patent application with 3 independent claims and 18 dependent claims. No additional fees are owed for entering the present amendment.

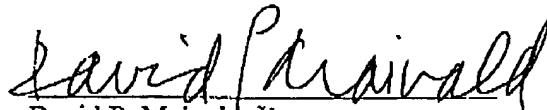
Support for the feature added to claim 33 that the lock grooves are defined by a root radius extending from a lowermost portion of the lockgrooves vertically and that the lock groove width extends horizontally across the lock grooves with the root radius equal to the lock groove width appears at paragraphs 46 and 47 of the specification as filed and FIG. 5. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled without prejudice. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of new claims 26-46 is earnestly solicited. If the patent examiner would like to suggest changes of a formal nature to place this application in better condition for allowance, a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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